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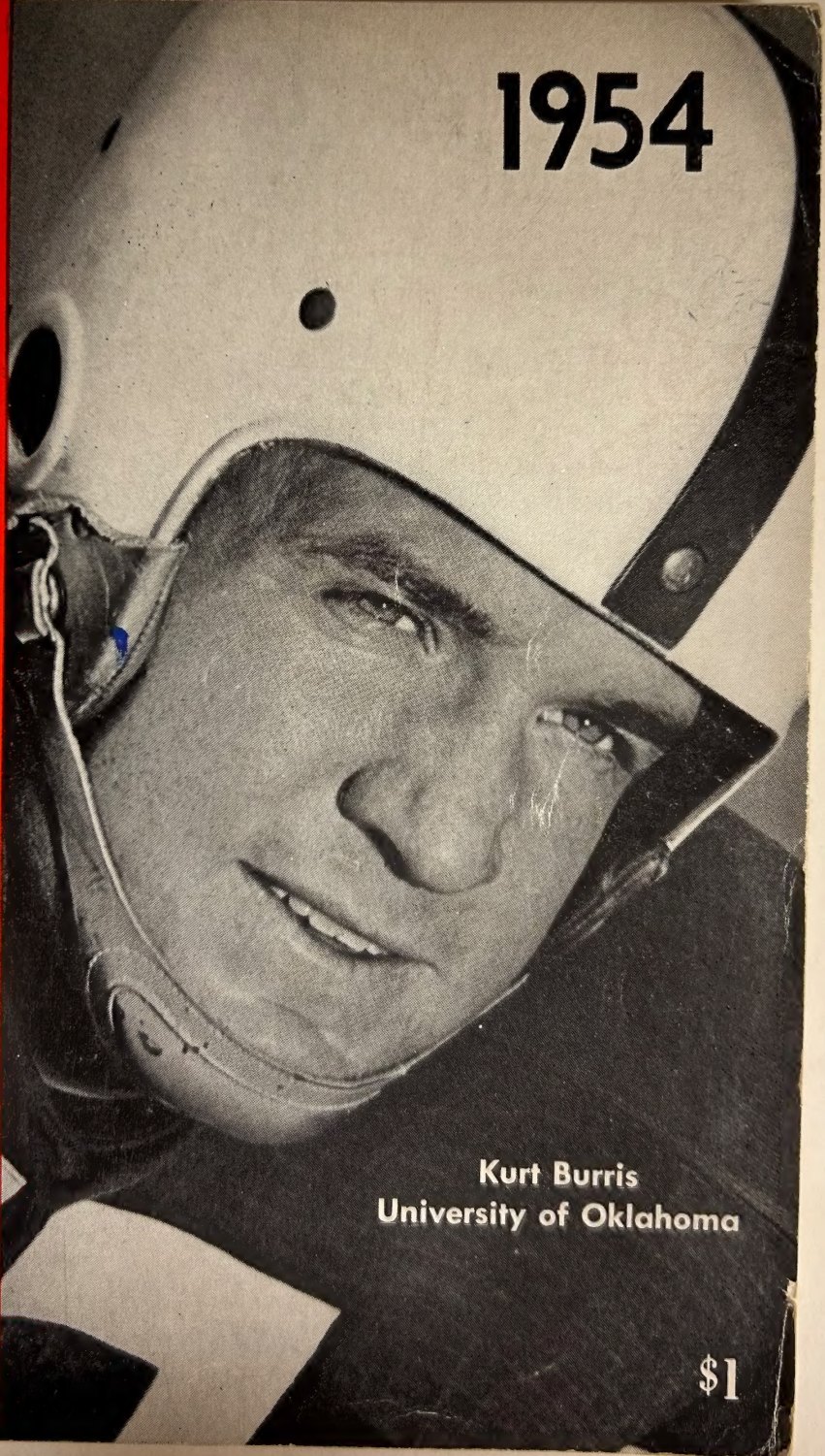
FOOTBALL

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replacement for Veryl (Joe) Switzer. For Missouri Valley honors, it's Oklahoma Aggies all the way, looks like, but Detroit and Houston, with a few breaks, could dethrone the Cowpokes.

Skyline defending champion Utah may be surpassed by Wyoming. Those Cowboys have in Joe Mastrogiovanni a name with which to reckon. Some believe he will surpass the feats, in his two seasons to go, of such past Rocky Mountain luminaries as Dutch Clark and Whizzer White! So, All-America pickers, don't say you weren't warned.

Pacific Coast football, unlike most other regions, is looking toward one—and possibly two—new names at the top of the heap. California is expected to capture the PCC crown, after a three-year recess. Oregon and UCLA, champion last year, rank as strong contenders.

California's Paul Larson and center Matt Hazeltine are two of the best players in collegiate ranks. Larson, a quarterback last fall, may be returned to halfback to make room for one of the finest passers ever to enroll at the Berkeley school, sophomore Ronnie Knox. Coach Waldorf lost little by graduation in comparison with rival colleges and gained capable replacements. The Golden Bear should go all the way—to the top.

But don't overlook Oregon. Most observers argue that the Webfoots lack depth but that isn't the way USC's coach, Jess Hill, or UCLA's Red Sanders, eye the situation. They warn at every chance of Oregon. Southern California, a perennial contender, will shift to the T-formation this autumn, but lost so many key men that Hill, facing a Herculean job, will have to be content with building character this trip. Nor can lightning be expected to strike two seasons in a row at Stanford. The Indians lost too many cogs to cut an imposing figure in the race.

Three Pacific Coast sophomores will bear watching. They are, besides Knox of California, Bobby Cox, a quarterback who will probably beat out Sandy Lederman, the Washington incumbent, and Jon Arnett, a USC halfback. Loyal supporters have pinned "can't-miss-making-All-America-before-they-graduate" tags on them already.

Okay, then, ring the bell and run up the curtain, you pigskin professors. The time is almost at hand again and, for that, hip hip, hooray!

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1953

The Associated Press poll of sports writers, originated in 1936, annually determines the rating of the college grid powers, and the poll's No. 1 team is generally recognized as the national champion.

Counting 10 points for a first place rating, 9 points for second, and so on, Notre Dame is the 18-year leader with 94 points. The Irish won four national titles in that span.

In years prior to the writers' poll, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolic of the national title, were awarded annually from 1924 to 1936.

18 YEARS

1. Notre Dame (4)	94
2. Michigan (1)	62
3. Tennessee (1)	53
4. Army (2)	50
5. Oklahoma (1)	47
6. Minnesota (3)	40
7. Alabama	31
8. Mich. St. (1)	30
9. California	30
10. So. Calif.	25
10. Georgia Tech.	25

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1953

1953—Maryland	1933—Michigan
1952—Mich. State	1932—Michigan
1951—Tennessee	1931—So. California
1950—Oklahoma	1930—Notre Dame
1949—Notre Dame	1929—Notre Dame
1948—Michigan	1928—So. California
1947—Notre Dame	1927—Illinois
1946—Notre Dame	1926—Stanford
1945—Army	1925—Dartmouth
1944—Army	1924—Notre Dame
1943—Notre Dame	
1942—Ohio State	
1941—Minnesota	
1940—Minnesota	
1939—Texas A&M	
1938—Tex. Christian	
1937—Pittsburgh	
1936—Minnesota	
1935—So. Methodist	
1934—Minnesota	